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Investigation of Potentially Responsible Parties, Colbert  
NPL Site

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We are requesting your investigation into the financial viability of three potentially responsible parties (PRP) identified as contributors to the Colbert Landfill Superfund site. An EPA directed PRP search identified a number of PRPs in different catatories. Twelve PRPs were sent notice letters. The three PRPs of concern responded to the notice letter but claimed they should not participate in PRP negotiations for reasons stated in their responses, or in the case of Gene's Septic Tank Service, no response. The two PRPs of concern are:

- a. United Paints and Coatings, Spokane, Washington
- b. Scollards Dry Cleaners, Spokane, Washington
- c. Gene's Septic Tank Service, Spokane, Washington

United Paints claimed that the company had filed for bankruptcy and made no further comment as to the request for information (104e part of notice letters).

Scollards Dry Cleaner made a statement that they took nothing to Colbert Landfill and had no further involvement.

Gene's Septic Tank Service is reportedly out of business. The notice was returned as undeliverable.

PRP records indicate that these companies generated and/or transported wastes of concern that ended up in the Colbert Landfill which is now being cleaned-up under superfund. We are requesting your help in several areas:

1. To determine and verify that the PRP search documents are correct and show that these PRPs did generate or transport materials of concern that were disposed of in the Colbert Landfill.
2. That these companies exist or that their successors or assigns exist and have a financial obligation under superfund (CERCLA).
3. That these companies are financially viable and are operating at a profit.

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4. Assist with a EPA determination that the government could collect money if a cost recovery action were filed against any of these firms.

I am available to share file materials, answer questions, and assist your investigation into these firms.

We would like to see a schedule of your projected timing for this investigation by August 19, 1988. If you have any questions please give me a call at 442-7177.